



Leadership Meeting Summary Thursday, August 27, 2015

Meeting Objectives:

- *Begin visioning and planning for the future of CCS Partnership's Leadership Council.*
- *Understand and discuss the Local Control Funding Formula.*
- *Hear a progress report from Institute for Local Government on its intergovernmental collaboration work.*
- *Network with fellow local leaders and colleagues of statewide associations.*

Meeting Chair:

Mike Kasperzak, Council Member, City of Mountain View, Board Member LCC/NLC

I. Officers and Members Present

Name	Title
Stephany Aguilar	President, LCC
Vernon Billy	Executive Director, CSBA
Davis Campbell	Founding Board Member, CCS Partnership
Matt Cate	Executive Director, CSAC
Pat Eklund	Member-at-Large, Councilmember, Novato
Alan Fernandes	Member-at-Large, Chief Legislative Representative, Los Angeles County; Board President, Davis Joint Unified School District
John Gioia	Immediate Past President, CSAC; Supervisor, Contra Costa County
Jesus M. Holguin	President, CSBA, Board Member; Moreno Valley Unified School District
Chris McKenzie	Executive Director, League of California Cities
L. Dennis Michael	Mayor, City of Rancho Cucamonga
Greg Pettis	Councilmember, City of Cathedral City, Board Member, LCC
Sheri Reusche	Vice President, CSBA; Board Member, Calaveras Unified School District
Don Saylor	Supervisor, Yolo County
Brad Wagenknecht	Supervisor, Napa County
Jill Wynns	Member, San Francisco Unified School District

Association Liaisons and Staff Present

Name	Position
David DeLuz	Policy & Programs Officer III, CSBA
Josh Daniels	Staff Attorney, CSBA
Farrah McDaid-Ting	Legislative Representative, CSAC
Sarah Rubin	Public Engagement Program Manager, ILG
Randi Kay Stephens	Program Coordinator, ILG
Martin Gonzalez	Director, ILG

II. Association Updates, Key Priorities and Activities of Mutual Interest

- **Matt Cate, Executive Director, California State Association of Counties.** CSAC is working with the League of California Cities on transportation issues as well as working with the Governor and Legislature on managed care tax issues, and dedicating time to the two special sessions. CSAC’s executive committee will meet and focus on strategic planning in September; CCS is a priority for the organization.
- **Chris McKenzie, Executive Director, League of California Cities.** Roadways and funding for transportation continue to be a priority for the League and it is imperative as they are necessary for children to get to and from school; the League is working with CSAC on this issue. The League is also reviewing potential language from the proponents of a ballot measure related to nonmedical marijuana for the November, 2016 ballot. The Lt. Governor convened a commission on this important matter that will have major impacts on children and youth. A draft ballot measure could allow an adult to cultivate six plants at home, which in a multi-family housing setting, could mean a huge increase in access and use of marijuana as well as an increasing number of unlicensed businesses that could put children and families at risk.
- **Vernon Billy, Executive Director, California School Boards Association.** CSBA is working with the Governor and Legislature on SB 799, the Reserve Cap Repeal. CSBA and its allies are working to repeal the cap as it would help school districts maximize the use of their reserves. SB 258 requires districts to have a very low reserve and actually requires districts to spend all of its money, which does not allow for rainy day savings. The cap and mandatory spending benefits particular groups but limits the ability of districts to plan and save. It is also important to share that the California High School Exit Exam requirements are changing in part due to the leadership of San Francisco Unified to approve graduation of students who were not able to take the test. Local districts are working on this issue and the state listened when districts forced the issue.

III. Local Control Funding Formula: What is it? What it isn't?

Guest Speakers David DeLuz and Josh Daniels with the California School Boards Association provided an informative presentation and guided conversation with the CCS Partnership Leadership Council about AB 97. Signed by Governor Brown on July 1, 2013, AB 97 established the Local Control Funding Formula, or LCFF. The formula does not replace Proposition 98—the initiative passed by voters that requires a minimum percentage of the state budget to be spent on education—and leaves a specific list of categorical funds intact. Based on the new funding formula, K-12 schools receive a base amount of funding for every student they serve. Schools who serve a significant population of English learners, students from low-income families, and foster youth will receive additional funds.

CCS Partnership's Leadership Council listened to the presenters and discussed among themselves the principles of LCFF including equity, local decision-making, accountability, transparency and alignment, the funding targets of LCFF, and the requirements for engagement, planning, reviewing and adoption of the LCAP.

In addition to providing a primer on what LCFF is and isn't, CSBA presenters shared the following: how implementation is working, the statewide environment, clarified myths around funding, and aspects of funding that provide essential services to children and youth.

Lunch Break: California Thursdays

The 2015 Leadership Council meeting took place on a Thursday affording CCS Leaders an opportunity to experience a California Thursday lunch organized by the Natomas Unified School District. California Thursdays is a collaboration between the Center for Ecoliteracy and participating school districts to serve healthy, freshly prepared school meals made from California-grown food. Before the lunch, Natomas staff shared information about the menu and food sources from northern California, the local economic impact of buying and producing the farm-to-fork style lunch, and about positive and transforming relationships the district is building among the farmers, students and staff. For more information about California Thursdays, visit www.ecoliteracy.org/essays/california-thursdays.

IV. CCS Partnership – Vision for the Future

- ***Discussion and Strategic Visioning***

Sarah Rubin, Public Engagement Program Manager with the Institute, presented on best practices of high-functioning small teams, deliberation and meeting processes with recommendations for the CCS Partnership.

Leaders had the opportunity to discuss themes and options for the future as this was the first and only meeting of 2015. Leadership Council members met in groups to brainstorm and advise the Institute on relevant ideas for work related to CCS' mission and to continue the legacy of intergovernmental collaboration among city, county and school agencies.

Group Brainstorming on Future Topics of Discussion & Projects	
<p>Group 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Engagement • Child Depression – Mental Health • Local Government Finance Reform • Joint Use Agreements 	<p>Group 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Engagement for Youth • Bullying & Suicide • Safe Routes to School • Youth Access and Use of alcohol, tobacco/vapor, and drugs • Nutrition / Recreation / Local Farms & Urban Agriculture • Dedicated \$/funding for joint/collaborative projects (state fund that supports collaborative efforts)
<p>Group 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless & At-Risk Youth • Information Sharing (Social Services Awareness at County, School Homeless referral system - tracking data and support services comprehensively) • Joint Use/Shared Resources • Children's Behavioral Health • Building Key Knowledge about each Association's major issues (LCFF Discussion) 	<p>Group 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Mental Health • Each priority comes with implementation plan across all 3 segments (?)

- ***Review and Advise on Leadership Council Policies***

After the brainstorming session and discussion on the future of CCS, the Leadership Council reviewed and advised staff on the draft Protocols document. Preferences and requests were made to include language and clarification about:

- The Leadership Council is an action-oriented body.
- The partner associations make for a consensus and then the partnership can take a position and use the name CCS in support or opposition.
- The CCS Partnership is now an unincorporated association acting in the interest of the three partners, meaning that CCS can speak as a body.

- CCS will carry out work programs and provide outcome and action.
- If a partner association objects to an action, CCS will not proceed without consensus.
- The Leadership Council is a decision-making group.
- The Institute continues to keep funds for CCS Partnership separate from other sources.

V. Partnerships and Collaborations

- ***CCS Partnership Dissolution & Transition to Leadership Council***

Staff reported on the status of the following items related to the dissolution of the CCS Partnership's 501(c)3 dissolution:

- **State Filings.** Dissolution through the State of California (Secretary of State and Attorney General) is complete. While no formal documentation is prepared indicating so, there have been no objections to the dissolution by state agencies.
- **Banking.** Bank of Sacramento account funds have been settled through payments to ILG and a final transfer of assets to the Institute for Local Government (in a designated and stand-alone budget) in three separate transactions (payment for November 2014 work, payment for December through March 2015 work and transfer of remaining assets). The account has formally been closed.
- **Financial Filings with State and Federal Agencies.** Form 199 (California) and Form 990 (Federal) have been prepared for review by the partner associations and Executive Directors. The forms will be filed before their November due dates.
- **Website.** The CCS Partnership's website www.ccspartnership.org, will be re-directed to the Institute for Local Government with the launch of ILG's new website in September 2015: www.ca-ilg.org.
- ***Program Work related to the mission of CCS Partnership.***
 - ***Community Schools Partnerships.*** Although the structure of CCS Partnership is evolving, ILG continues pursuing and supporting work related to CCS and community schools partnerships. The focus is on highlighting collaborations among local governments through association award programs, conference sessions and the online toolkit. The Institute is working with another non-profit, the Partnership for Children and Youth,

and other partners in the emerging Community Schools Network so that the network and its efforts are relevant and reflects the needs of elected officials and staff of cities, counties and schools.

- **Healthy & Vibrant Communities Project.** The Institute for Local Government received a grant from Kaiser Permanente in December 2014 to work in the areas of collaboration and partnerships aimed at positively impacting healthy eating-active living, safety and violence-prevention efforts in communities. The Institute has conducted a survey of local officials to assess interest in collaboration around these three issue areas as well as to find potential locations ripe for technical assistance. Additionally, the project has allowed the Institute to update the *Stretching Community Dollars Guidebook*, a signature piece of work from the CCS Partnership. The new version of the document will be used in trainings and ILG's direct work with cities, counties and schools in 2016. The piece incorporates the challenges and opportunities that communities have endured with paradigm shifts such as realignment, loss of redevelopment and Local Control Funding Formula.
- **California Summer Meal Coalition.** The California Summer Meal Coalition continues to make progress by effectively leveraging summer meal programs to stimulate intergovernmental collaboration across California.
- **Efforts on the Horizon for ILG's Partnerships and Collaboration Program**
 - **Summer at City Hall.** The Institute for Local Government is poised to develop and enhance current efforts to improve civic education and leadership opportunities for the next generation through summer and year-round programs for students to learn and interact with local government agencies in a program called "Summer at City Hall." The Institute is working with potential partners on this effort, including Summer at City Hall designer Bina Lefkovitz, Linked Learning Alliance, Council for a Strong America, Sacramento County Office of Education's Action Civics Initiative and Civic Learning Partnerships. The goal of this partnership is to create the infrastructure, partnerships and processes needed to expand Sacramento's Summer at City Hall and other municipal-school partnership models (youth councils, youth action teams/clubs, municipal internships, field trips to city hall, mock city council meetings etc.) across California.
 - **California Golden Communities for Children and Youth.** This potential initiative and recognition program would complement, not compete with the Helen Putnam Awards of the League of California Cities, the Challenge Awards of the California State Association of Counties or the Golden Bell Awards of the California School Boards Association. The Golden Communities Award would serve as a:

- A framework for policy action,
- Successful models that inform and enhance practices,
- The opportunity to fashion a multi-jurisdictional learning community, and
- Ultimately, provide a vehicle to publicly recognize local leadership and innovation.

VI. Wrap-Up

- **Leadership Council Meetings for 2016.** The Institute will work with partner association staff on meeting dates for 2016. To keep the rotation of meeting locations, meetings will be hosted by CSAC and then CSBA. Leadership council members requested that ILG and associations work together to convene the group earlier and more often to achieve the mission of CCS Partnership.
- **Follow-Up Actions.** Staff confirmed follow-up actions to include updating protocols, producing a note for association distribution about the goals and accomplishments of the group and today's meeting.

VII. Adjourn

The board adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.